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1. Chinese Communist Party (CCP) leaders have been depressed by a message from Moscow urging them not to be too forward in their policies for fear of provoking a world war.
2. In their uncomfortable search for a way to follow this advice the CCP leaders are reorganizing all areas so as to make a military commander apparently responsible for each area. LIN Piao will be in charge of the south; LIU Po-cheng, of the southwest; NIEH Jung-chen, of the north; and CHEN Yi, of the east. Cultural and educational administration will remain under the control of the CCP central authorities.
3. MAO Tse-tung and other CCP leaders spend most of their time in Shihchiachuang. They go to Peiping about once a month for meetings, traveling in a special car, and return immediately.

Comment. The CCP is now in an awkward position in that in case of a world war the Russians will immediately take over the Northeast.

[REDACTED] the CCP will probably divide the country into semi-independent geographical and administrative areas.

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